

Message

From: Ozmen, Shamus [Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/8/2020 7:17:16 PM
To: Aubee, Catherine [Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov]; Overbey, Dian [Overbey.Dian@epa.gov]
CC: Leifer, Kerry [Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Hi Catherine,

Thank you so much for the quick response. When perfluoroalkyl is searched, here is a screenshot of the results.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the EPA InertFinder search results. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://aspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=INERTFINDER:2:::>. The search results page has a header with the EPA logo and navigation links: LEARN THE ISSUES, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, LAWS & REGULATIONS, and ABOUT EPA. The search criteria section shows the search term 'perfluoroalkyl'. The results are categorized under 'Nonfood Use Only' and include a table with two entries:

CAS Reg. No.	Ingredient
-	Perfluoroalkylsulfonate,quaternary salt
-	2-(Methyl(perfluoroalkylalkyl(C2-C8)sulfonylamino)alkyl(C2-C8)acrylate-alkyl(C2-C8)methacrylates-N-methylolacrylamide copolymer

At the bottom of the results, it indicates 'rows: 1 - 2 of 2'. The footer of the page includes links to EPA Home, Privacy and Security Notice, and Contact Us, along with icons for News by E-mail, EPA Mobile, Widgets, News Feeds, and Podcasts.

From: Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov>
Cc: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>; Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

I think yes but we asked for specific information on which two chemicals were identified so we can follow up and remove from the system as appropriate. I never heard back.

Best,
Catherine
Associate Director
OPP Registration Division
US Environmental Protection Agency

On Dec 8, 2020, at 1:59 PM, Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Catherine,

We are trying to confirm that the PFAs inerts listed in the inert finder are there by mistake and should be removed. I've been trying to reach Kerry, but I understand he is on leave today.

Called your work cell but, like me, you haven't set up your voice mailbox!

Can you confirm? If so, ASAP?

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From: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>; Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>; Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov>
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Can you verify asap that these chemicals are in there by mistake/need to be removed? And then let's remove them ASAP?

From: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
Cc: Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

I believe the answer is yes, but please check with Catherine. Thanks.

Rick Keigwin
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Sent from my iPhone (Please excuse typos!)

On Dec 8, 2020, at 1:27 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

So, do these need to be removed from the database?

From: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

This question comes up periodically. I know OPP has tried to correct InertFinder. It might be helpful for the Comms Team to reach out to Catherine Aubee, the Associate Director of the Registration Division. She has spent quite a bit of time trying address the issue.

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On Dec 8, 2020, at 1:20 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Head's up!

From: Hackel, Angela
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; OPS CSID CB <OPS_CSID_CB@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Hello,

Please see the below. Her deadline is 11:00 am tomorrow.

Please let me know how you would like to respond.

Thanks,

Angela

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ev Crunden <ecrunden@eenews.net>
Date: December 7, 2020 at 6:07:19 PM EST
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Hello,

I'm working on a quick story about PFAS appearing in an insecticide, Anvil 10+10, and I noticed on EPA's Inert Finder application that perfluoroalkyl substances (seemingly two of them?) appear as approved ingredients for non-food use only. Just wanted to confirm that was the case and if there is any concern about those chemicals, and/or if EPA has any concern about PFAS appearing in pesticides generally?

Thanks so much for any help -- my deadline is tomorrow, 11 a.m. EST.

Best,
Ev

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